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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF SECRETARY SIMON

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1. APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL, BUT PUZZLED AT FAILURE INITIALLY INCLUDE CAIRO AS ADDRESSEE, ESPECIALLY SINCE EGYPT IS ONLY COUNTRY ON SECRETARY'S ITINERAY WHERE HE WILL VISIT TWO CITIES. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON REQUESTS ARE KEYED TO REFTEL PARAGRAPHS. PREVIOUS MESSAGE INDICATED LUXOR PRIMARILY

REST STOP. IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC MENTION THIS POINT IN REFTEL, OUR COMMENTS ASSUME THAT SUPPORT IN LUXOR SIMILAR TO THAT IN CAIRO IS DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS NECESSARY.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ECON COUNSELOR EDWARD L. PECK IS OVERALL CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT. HIS HOME PHONE NUMBER IS 34474 AND HIS BUSINESS NUMBER IS 28219 EXTENSION 265. MR. PECK WILL BE ASSISTED BY FSO JOHN B. CRAIG (HOME NUMBER 35284, EMBASSY EXTENSION - 251).

3. HOTEL REQUIREMENTS. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY, BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION IN BOTH CAIRO AND LUXOR, TO ASK SOME OF THOSE PERSONS FOR WHOM SINGLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DOUBLE UP.

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A) LUXOR - IN LUXOR WE PRESENTLY MANAGED OBTAIN RESERVATIONS FOR ONE SUITE AND 30 ROOMS, INCLUDING 10 FOR CREW AT NEW WINTER PALACE HOTEL. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF REQUESTING 30 ADDITIONAL ROOMS FOR ADDITIONAL PARTY MEMBERS, SECRET SERVICE AND EMBASSY SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

B) CAIRO - RESERVATIONS AT HILTON HOTEL FOR SUITE PLUS 20 ADDITIONAL ROOMS (SINGLES OR DOUBLES) NOW OBTAINED. REQUEST FOR A FURTHER 20 ROOMS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS BEING MADE. WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO REQUEST PRIMIN'S INTERVENTION, SINCE HOTELS ARE HEAVILY BOOKED. PLEASE CONFIRM URGENTLY WHETHER ROOM REQUIREMENTS PARA 2 REFTEL INCLUDE ROOMS NEED FOR CREW.

4. CUSTOMS. SINCE SECRETARY AND PARTY WILL BE ARRIVING EGYPT FIRST AT LUXOR, WE WILL ARRANGE THAT ALL PASSPORT AND CUSTOM FORMALITIES BE HANDLED THERE. GROUP CLEARANCE AND VISA WAIVERS ALREADY REQUESTED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND EXPECT NO PROBLEM ON THIS SCORE. EMBOFF BRUCE KUSROW WILL BE SHAPIRO'S CONTACT FOR PASSPORTS.

5. GROUND TRANSPORTATION.

A) LUXOR - BASED ON EXPERIENCE FROM PREVIOUS VIP VISITS ACCEPTABLE SEDANS ARE NONEXISTENT IN LUXOR. WE PLAN DESPATCH PARTIALLY ARMORED EMBASSY SEDAN TO TRANSPORT SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR. REST OF PARTY WHILE IN LUXOR WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON SMALL BUSES FOR TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE ADVISE TREASURY THAT WE ARE REQUESTING AMERICAN EXPRESS IN CAIRO TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LUXOR VISIT. PAYMENT FOR CARS (AND ALSO OTHER TOURIST SERVICES) IN LUXOR WILL BE MADE TO AMERICAN EXPRESS.

B) CAIRO - NO PROBLEM PROVIDING TWO HEAVY AND NINE LIGHT OR MEDIUM SEDANS. HOWEVER, LIMITED EMBASSY MOTOR POOL IS NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE SUCH A REQUIREMENTS AND WE WILL HAVE TO RENT NEEDED VEHICLES FOR VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE TREASURY PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR CAR RENTALS. AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE AVAILABLE PARTIALLY ARMORED BUICK SEDAN FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S USE DURING CAIRO PORTION OF VISIT; WE WILL RENT OTHER HEAVY SEDAN. TREASURY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WHEN RENTING VEHICLES, WE NORMALLY REQUEST ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVERS, BUT WE CANNOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUARANTEE THAT ALL CARS WILL HAVE FLUENT ENGLISH DRIVERS. SUCH PERSONS ARE SIMPLY NOT ENGAGED IN THAT TYPE OF WORK. DESPATCH DESK WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT HOTEL FOR MOTOR POOL SERVICES AS REQUESTED FROM 0730-2100.

6. BAGGAGE.

A) LUXOR - EMBASSY WILL DESPATCH BAGGAGE TRUCK TO LUXOR TO HANDLE BAGGAGE.

B) CAIRO - SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED. RECOMMEND THAT PERSON HANDLING BAGGAGE ON PLANE USE COLORED BULLET SYSTEM TO MARK BAGS CLEARLY SO THAT DISTRIBUTION CAN TAKE PLACE EXPEDITIOUSLY ON ARRIVAL.

7. CLASSIFIED TRANSPORT.

A) LUXOR - ASSUME THERE WILL BE REQUIREMENT FOR CLASSIFIED STORAGE IN LUXOR. FOR THIS PURPOSE WE WILL HAVE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL 4 MARINE SECURITY GUARD PERSONNEL ON TDY BASIS. IN LUXOR CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WILL PROBABLY BE TRANSPORTED ALONG WITH REST OF BAGGAGE TO THE HOTEL AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MARINE SECURITY GUARD.

B) CAIRO - SEPARATE VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FROM PLANE TO HOTEL WILL BE SUPPLIED.

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8. VISIT CONTROL ROOM.

A) LUXOR - MOST SERVICES REQUESTED ARE AVAILABLE IN LUXOR. HOWEVER, PACKAGE WRAPPING SERVICES WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNLESS PACKING MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED FROM AIRCRAFT.

B) CAIRO - ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTROL ROOM WILL BE SATISFIED. IN THE PAST WE HAVE ALSO HAD TROUBLE OBTAINING PACKING MATERIAL IN CAIRO. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT MATERIAL NOT USED IN LUXOR BE OFFLOADED IN CAIRO FOR USE IN PACKAGE WRAPPING FACILITY.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ROOM.

A) LUXOR - IF TYPING WILL BE REQUIRED IN LUXOR, REQUEST THAT PARTY INCLUDE TWO (2) 50 CYCLE 220 VOLT ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS FOR USE IN LUXOR AND THAT XEROX 3600 COPY MACHINE ALSO BE CARRIED IN PLANE FOR OFFLOADING IN LUXOR. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE TYPEWRITERS AND COPY MACHINE (NOT ZEROX) FOR CAIRO PORTION OF VISIT. ASSUMING CLASSIFIED STORAGE WILL BE REQUIRED, MARINE SECURITY GUARDS WILL BE PROVIDED ON TDY BASIS. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE DIRECTO LINE FROM LUXOR TO EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD, HOWEVER, WE WILL TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIORITY USE OF LONG DISTANCE LINES FROM HOTEL IN LUXOR TO EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

B) CAIRO - EMBASSY WILL SUPPLY ALL REQUIREMENTS IN CONTROL ROOM EXCEPT XEROX 3600 COPY MACHINE.

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10. GIFTS.

A) LUXOR - GOVERNOR OF LUXOR MAY PRESENT SECRETARY WITH SOME SMALL TOKEN BEARING HIS SEAL. SUGGEST THAT SMALL NUMBER OF APPROPRIATE ITEMS (CUFF LINKS, LIGHTERS, PENS, ETC.) BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

B) CAIRO - AS WAS CASE DURING SECRETARY SIMON'S 1974 VISIT, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WOULD OFFER SOME SMALL GIFT. SECRETARY SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE PREPARED TO RECIPROCAT. IF SECRETARY PLANS, AS IN 1974, TO PRESENT PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER WITH SUBSTANTIAL GIFT, WE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AHEAD SO THAT EGYPTIANS CAN RESPOND APPROPRIATELY. GIFT OFFICER FOR VISIT WILL BE FSIO AL DALGLIESH.

11. FUNDING.

REQUEST THAT DEPT SEND BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM A LIST OF THOSE PERSONS WHO WILL HAVE THEIR ROOMS PAID FOR BY TREASURY ALLOTMENT AND THOSEWHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BILLS. LIST SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHER ITEMS, FOR EXAMPLE FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

12. MISCELLANEOUS.

A) LUXOR - PLEASE ADVISE IF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LUXOR DESIRED. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE USIS NEWS SUMMARIES OR COPIES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS.

B) CAIRO - PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE WILL BE OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, USIS, HOWEVER, HAS NO PHOTOGRAPHIC

CAPABILITY BUT, NORMALLY HIRES PHOTOGRAPHER FOR SUCH DUTY.
TREASURY EXPECTED TO STAND THIS EXPENSE.
EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE USIS NEWS SUMMARIES AND NEWSPAPERS
AS REQUESTED.

13. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT.

A) LUXOR - EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE AMERICAN SECRETARY
FOR CLASSIFIED TYPEING DURING LUXOR PORTION OF VISIT.

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B) CAIRO - EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE AMERICAN SECRETARY FOR
CLASSIFIED TYPEING DURING CAIRO PORTION OF VISIT.

14. LOCAL INFORMATION.

A) LUXOR - TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL IS
APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES. RECOMMEND THAT ALL PERSONNEL
DRINK ONLY IMPORTED BOTTLE WATER AND EAT NO UNCOOKED
VEGETABLES OR UNPEELED FRUITS AND AVOID MILK AND ICE CREAM.

B) CAIRO - DRIVING TIME FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL WILL BE
APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES AND FROM HOTEL TO EMBASSY -
APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES. SAME RESTRICTIONS REGARDING USE
OF IMPORTED WATER, ETC. APPLY IN CAIRO.

15. STATE 28964 JUST RECEIVED. WILL AWAIT DEPT'S REPLY TO QUESTIONS
RAISED ABOVE AS WELL AS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR LUXOR.
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